

Route & General Observations

Approached on main South fork trail and left this to ascend towards Rendezvous Ridge on the right side of the main gully feature. Widespread wind affected snow with many soft pockets interspersed with wind slabs.

Avalanche Details

Trigger	Skier	Avalanche Type	Soft Slab
Aspect	North Northeast	Elevation	2900ft
Slope Angle	40deg	Crown Depth	10in
Width	40ft	Vertical Run	100ft

Near Miss / Accident Details

Number Caught/Carried?	1	Number Partially Buried?	1
Number Fully Buried?	0	Number Injured?	0
Number Fatalities?	0		

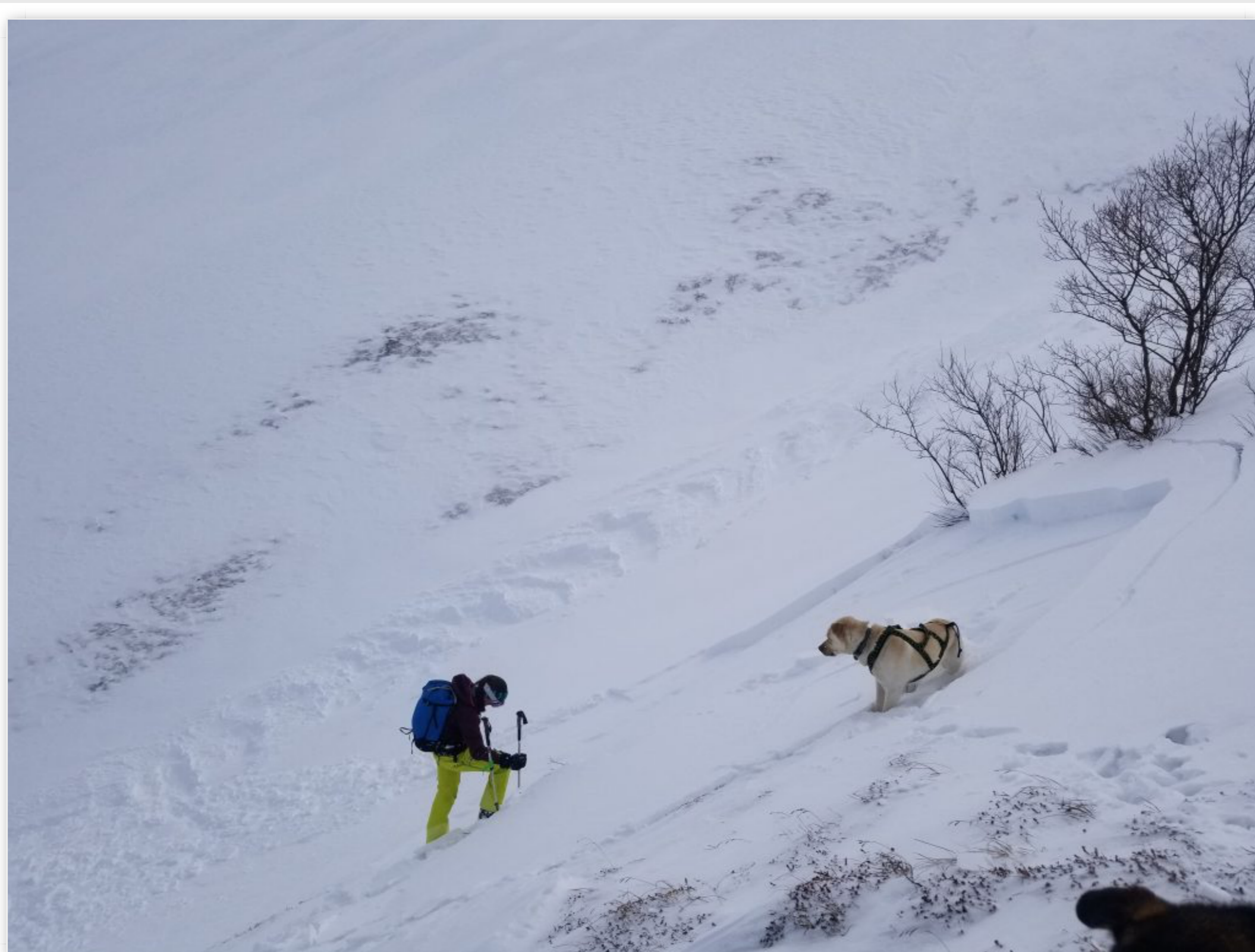
Avalanche Details

Two small soft slabs on adjacent terrain were triggered by skiers while skinning above the side of the gully. The initial slide did not carry or bury anyone; second carried triggering skier and dog a small ways with partial burial (both easily freed themselves within seconds and no rescue was needed). Snow on this aspect was heavily wind affected; both slides were triggered in a spot where soft wind slab slid on tundra. Crown depth varied from 6-18 inches, representing the unevenly wind-deposited snow.

Events of the day

Prior to the slides, whumphing and shooting cracks were noted. Party adjusted the planned route due to these findings, but did not exit before triggering the avalanche(s).

Photos & Video



Crown - note debris below from prior natural slide



view from crown



crown and runout from below

